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Winter is a good time for planning in order to "Spring" into action.



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NPD Training for Neighborhood Leaders

"What constitute a property maintenance or nuisance code violation?" "What happens after a property has been cited for a violation?" "How do I track the progress of the cited property?" "My neighbor has two non-licensed, non-operating vehicles in his/her front yard. What can be done about it?" "The occupied house across the street has an overgrown lawn and it makes the neighborhood look bad. What department/division will respond to this matter?" Questions of this sort and more can be answered at the upcoming NPD training session.

The **Neighborhood Preservation Division** (NPD) of the **Neighborhood and**Community Services Department (NCSD) has responded to the requests of the neighborhood leaders by offering a training session called "The Code Enforcement Process".

This training session will provide the opportunity for leaders to ask questions about the code enforcement processes and to receive *in-depth* information that will deepen the participant's knowledge about these processes.

So, join the NPD staff by attending this session on Tuesday, April 26, 2005 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Neighborhood Preservation Office, 4900 Swope Parkway, First Floor Conference Room, Kansas City, MO.

To reserve your seat at this session, please RSVP by phoning Field Supervisor Patrick Egberuare at (816) 513-9033 by April 19, 2005.

HCF Plans to Fund \$3.25M in Grants

The **Health Care Foundation (HCF) of Greater Kansas City** will invest up to \$3.25 million in **Safety Net Care** within its 6-county service area: MO-Cass, Jackson, and Lafayette Counties; KS-Allen, Johnson, and Wyandotte Counties. **Neighborhood groups** are encouraged to apply for grants to increase and/or improve health care for low income and underserved populations. The **first** round of requests for proposals (RFP) are **due May 5, 2005** to be awarded by June 2005. Potential applicants for these grants may attend **one** of the following pre-proposal conferences. **All** sessions are from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

March 31, 2005	Health Care Foundation, 2700 East 18th St., Kansas City, MO
April 1, 2005	Harrisonville Community Center, 2400 Jefferson Pkwy, Harrisonville, MO
April 4, 2005	Higginsville Community Center, 801 W. 29, Higginsville, MO
April 6, 2005	Emprise Bank Community Room, 1 West Madison, Iola, KS
April 7, 2005	West Wyandotte County Library, 1737 N. 82 St., Kansas City, KS

For more information about HCF, HCF grants and resources, visit www.healthcare4kc.org. To **RSVP** call **Rhonda Holman** at (816) **241-7006** or toll free at (877) **241-7006**.

Neighborhood On-Line Calendar

The City of Kansas City, Missouri has an on-line community calendar for advertising your group's events at no cost.

Events are classified by type so that citizens and visitors to the city can seek out those events that are of greatest interest to them. The event will appear on the website after details are confirmed by the CCS staff. Make sure the contact person's information is accurate, or our office will not be able to publish the event. Be sure to include the admission of the event, if applicable, and whether the event is geared toward children, adults or both. Events published on the website should be of a family-friendly nature, cultural, sporting, or neighborhood-sponsored event.



Our policy is to only accept events that will actually be taking place physically in Kansas City, Missouri (even if the sponsoring agency is from another city). If your group has an event you would like to publicize on our calendar, please visit http://www.kcmo.org/neigh.nsf/web/calendar?opendocument and create a new entry or phone the CCS office.

Ways to Celebrate Neighborhood Success

The **Neighborhood Tourist Development Fund** (NTDF) was designed to help local not-for-profit organizations for the specific purpose of promoting neighborhoods in Kansas City through cultural, social, ethnic, historic, educational and recreational activities. The fund helps promote our city as a convention and tourist center. Each year the NTDF program partners with more than 100 agencies, associations, foundations, civic and community groups to provide activities throughout Kansas City. Neighborhood groups that meet the following qualifications must also submit an application for review by the NTDF Committee:

- Be a not-for-profit neighborhood organization incorporated in the State of Missouri
- Have a registered office located within the city limits of Kansas City, Missouri
- Have a mission that includes neighborhood and community tourism, development priorities and promotion
- Meet the City's requirements for contracting with non-municipal agencies
- Be able to thoroughly demonstrate that your organization meets the NTDF program eligibility requirements

Some examples of eligible activities are music, art and neighborhood festivals, exhibits, home tours, tournaments and parades. The event may be a one-time event, a series of events, or an annual event or a capital project. The scope of non-capital events must be education, entertainment or sports. For additional information about the **NTDF** program, call **Cheryl Bennett** at (816) **513-3215** or send an email to cheryl_bennett@kcmo.org.

Helpful Information to Assist in Grant Writing

Neighborhood leaders applying for grants can take advantage of information gathered by City departments. The Action Center, City Planning & Development Department and the KCMO Police Department collect data about neighborhood demographics. This data can be helpful in developing the Problem Statement. The Problem Statement segment of the grant proposal outlines the nature of the problem and the long-term impact of the problem on the neighborhood. Neighborhood demographic data can be obtained by contacting the following departments:

Action Center: The number and types of calls for service can be compiled specific for your neighborhood by contacting **Jean Ann Lawson** at (816) **513-1302**.

City & Planning Development: For Census Data, contact **Steve Lebofsky** of the City Planning & Development Department at (816) **513-2817** or by email at steve_lebofsky@kcmo.org.

KCMO Police Department: To get information on Crime Statistics for your neighborhood, contact the **Community Interaction Officer** (CIO) within your Patrol Division. (See page 14 for the CIO listing).

Pet owners having their pets spayed or neutered decreases the pet-overpopulation. This procedure eliminates or reduces the number of homeless animals and animals entering the shelter.

Pet owners have the responsibility to provide adequate care, food, water, shelter, and daily exercise for their pets as stated by City Ordinance Section 14.16(a)(b).

For more information about spay/neuter services, call the non-profit group **Spay & Neuter Kansas City** (SNKC) at (816) **353-0940**. This group provides financial assistance to those who qualify.

Or call the **Kansas City Animal Control Division** (KCAC) at (816) **513-9800** about pet licensing, ordinances relating to animals, pet adoption, claiming lost pets, or other related questions. KCAC is closed on Sunday and Monday. Animal Control Officers visit schools, safety fairs, and neighborhood association meetings each year with information on proper pet care and safety with animals. Children receive free coloring books!

Free Noon Workshop

Attend this free workshop to share your concerns about issues in the community and engage in problem solving at the Robert J. Mohart Multi-Purpose FOCUS Center, 3200 Wayne, 12:00 noon, Room 118. Please note, a meeting for November has not been scheduled.

Date	Topic
March 24, 2005	Vacant Lot Maintenance
April 28, 2005	The Permitting Process
May 26, 2005	Neighborhood Clean-Ups
June 23, 2005	Abating Code Violations
July 28, 2005	Summer Health Issues
August 25, 2005	KC Recycles
September 22, 2005	Action Center
October 27, 2005	Crime Prevention
December 8, 2005	City Website

For more information about Thursday's Solutions phone, (816) **784-4515** or visit the website at www.kcmo.org/neigh.nsf/web/thursdaysolutions.

Reporting to the Action Center

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The Action Center is the point of contact for City services in which residents can receive information about City services, request City services, and report concerns regarding City services.

When reporting a problem or making a request for services, please be ready to provide the customer service staff with the following:

- Identify the exact address or location of the situation or condition.
- Specify the length of time the situation or condition has existed.
- Provide as many details as possible about the situation or condition.
- Give your name and address, if you would like to receive follow-up information.

Be specific as possible when phoning in a problem or request for service. For example, if you are calling about an abandoned vehicle on your block, then report the color,

make, model, year, license plate number, and location of the vehicle. State how long the vehicle has been at the current address.

After you make a request for service, the following steps are taken:

- A customer service staff will complete a request for service (RFS), if appropriate.
- The service request will be assigned a number so that the request can be followed through completion.
- The service request is forwarded to the appropriate department in which the department will respond to the request.
- The caller will be notified in writing when the service request is completed. If your name and address was provided at the initial call.

The Action Center hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Phone: (816) 513-1313. Fax: (816) 513-1303. Email: actioncenter@kcmo.org. A Request for Service (RFS) can be completed on-line by visiting the website at http://www.kcmo.org/manager.nsf/action/home?document.

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Plan for Neighborhood Success through Partnership

The Neighborhood and Community Services Department (NCSD), Dangerous Buildings Division, is presently seeking partnerships for the upcoming year to provide minor home repair assistance to low income residents in Kansas City, Missouri. Eligible partners must meet the following criteria:

- Organizations must be able to match the City \$1 for \$1 on all projects
- Organizations must provide the contract oversight for the projects
- Organizations must use contractors that are approved by the City
- Allow the City to approve all specifications
- All projects must be for exterior improvements to the property

• All projects and applicants must be approved by the City in advance

All eligible applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Own and reside in the property
- Have resided in the property for at least 5 years
- Meet the income qualifications
- Cannot own more than one property
- Cannot owe any back taxes
- Cannot have any City assessments against the property

All inquiries should directed to **Nathan Pare**, Department Manager of Dangerous Buildings, (816) **784-4024**.

Plan to Make a Difference

Meetings Open to the Public:

Kansas City Board of Police Commissioners:

Meets the 4th Tuesday of every month at Police Headquarters, 6th floor, Board Room, Kansas City, MO.
Call for meeting times.
(816) 234-5055.

Kansas City Neighborhood Advisory Council:

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 3:30 p.m. at Robert J. Mohart Multi-Purpose FOCUS Center 3200 Wayne, Room 118, Kansas City, MO. (816) 784-4515.

The Parks and Recreation Board:

Meets every Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. at Parks and Recreation Department Headquarters 4600 East 63rd Street, Kansas City, MO. (816) 513-7500.

The Office of Community Complaints:

Meet quarterly.

Call for the exact time, date and meeting place. (816) 889-6640.

City Council Meetings and Sessions:

Tuesday, Committee Room, 10th Floor: 1:30 p.m. Budget & Audit Committee

Wednesday, Council Chamber, 26th Floor:

9:00 a.m. Operations Committee

Finance Committee

11:00 a.m. Neighborhood Development & Housing

Committee

2:00 p.m. Planning, Zoning, & Economic

Development Committee

Wednesday, Committee Room, 10th Floor:

10:00 a.m. Legislative, Rules, & Ethics Committee

11:30 a.m. Aviation Committee

Thursday, Committee Room, 10th Floor:

1:45 p.m. Business Session

Thursday, Council Chamber, 26th Floor:

3:00 p.m. Council Legislative Session

Please note that the Neighborhood Development & Housing Committee meets <u>every other</u> week, on the same week that Operation's meets. The Finance & Operations Committees <u>alternate</u> meetings on Wednesday. Schedule subject to change. For more information contact the **City**

Clerk's Office at (816) 513-3360. E-mail testimony to any Standing Committees:

http://www.kcmo.org/clerk.nsf/web/Etestimony.

Tips on Planning & Hosting Neighborhood Activities

Throwing a Fun Party Is a Lot of Work! When it comes to throwing a party for our neighborhood, many of us think of hosting a dinner for eight (8) or having a picnic barbecue at the area park. For all but the smallest block clubs, however, this is not where volunteering for this sort of event is likely to lead us. If the goal of having a fun event that all of our neighbors will want to come to, a little extra planning is required to cover all the possibilities:

How many people are likely to show up? Remember that a lot of people who will not show up to your regular meetings will come visit when there's food or games planned! Some of your regulars will not be able to make it, of course, but try to ensure there's enough food and enough space for everyone. If possible, check with people who have hosted events for your group in years past to get an estimated attendance; then give yourself a reasonable margin of error if even more show up!

Who's going to eat all of this? Of course, sometimes weather or scheduling conflicts lead to a drop in attendance and you are left with a surplus of hamburgers, sodas, and deviled eggs. As long as your group's leadership or by-laws agree, try to divide this surplus up among the people who helped host it, so that it doesn't go to waste. Pick something to take home that you will not mind eating a few extra times in the next week!

Keep your audience in mind. It is becoming more and more common for individuals to have dietary restrictions: low-fat, low-carb, low on simple-sugars, vegetarian, allergic to nuts, drinks only diet soda... take a look at your planned menu <u>before</u> you go shopping, to make sure you have at least something that anyone can eat. Block parties and neighborhood gatherings are on a limited budget, but you still should make an effort to

include options that everyone can share in. It's a good idea to label your ingredients or have someone serving who knows what went into the dish, as well.

Boredom or chaos? Planning an all-ages event for several hours can be daunting to a first-timer, but you can draw on family gatherings or examples from other parties you have been to for help. Think about things you like to do, or that you've heard your neighbors mention in passing. They might be pleasantly surprised to find out you cared enough to dig out the Backgammon board you've had lying in your basement for decades. On the other hand, leave enough space in the schedule for spontaneous events to occur; very few people like to be ordered from one Mandatory Fun Experience to another when they're trying to relax and socialize.

You <u>don't</u> have to do it all yourself! This sounds simple but I'll say it again: you do not have to do everything yourself. Having even one helper for a small block party, or an *ad hoc* committee of volunteers to help with the neighborhood party, can reduce your stress level immensely by dividing up all the myriad tasks that will crop up when you least expect them. Make sure most of your helpers are not your immediate family, too! In addition to making for a happier, less stressed household, this protects your event from disaster should you be called out of town on business or family emergency the Thursday before the big weekend.

If you have any questions about planning or hosting your next neighborhood event, you can contact the

Center for Community Solutions at Solutions_NCSD@kcmo.org or (816) 784-4515. We will try to help where we can, and we may be available to come out and speak or present material at a table for your event.



Neighborhoods, USA is Coming May 2006!

Conference Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for the planning and hosting of the Annual Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA) Conference to be held in KCMO, May 24th, 25th, 26th & 27th.

NUSA is a national organization that provides an opportunity for diverse people and organizations to share their ideas, values and experiences to build stronger communities.

For additional information about NUSA, call **Renea Nash** at (816) **513-3214** or send an email to **renea_nash@kcmo.org.**

National Youth Service Day April 15-17, 2005

Last year, with the help of many communities and organizations, Kansas City was recognized as the second largest local event in the country! With more than 60 project sites involving more than 23,000 participants,

our youth were a shining example of community service.



Do you like adventure? Do you like to see change? If that is so, then you will enjoy planning a project for the National Youth Service Day. Get your family and friends together either at

school, church or in your neighborhood and plan what you can do for others in your community.

If you need help in planning an event, then visit Project AIM, the Lead Agency selected by Youth Service America of Washington D.C. and also the coordinating agency for the Greater KC Metro, website at www.project-aim.org or call **Peggy Gilliland** at (816) **353-7780**.

Connecting Youth with the Community

The City of Kansas City, Missouri has implemented the "**Spirit of Service**" as a means to connect the youth (ages of 5-18) with the community to complete community service learning projects.

Below are previous community service project ideas:

- -Painting basketball court lines on outdoor courts
- -Winterizing the homes of older adults
- -Planting trees and plants on the boulevards
- -Painting and cleaning city playgrounds
- -Making and displaying health education posters
- -Designing playgrounds, parks or gardens
- -Providing artwork to beautify city buildings or community centers

For more information about the City's involvement in the National Youth Service Day, the Spirit of Service Program, or to get information on resources for youth, contact **Thalia Cherry**, Youth Advocate, at (816) **513-1378** or send an email to thalia cherry@kcmo.org.

Reporting Suspicious Activities

How to report suspicious activities:

If it is an **emergency**, call **911** immediately. Otherwise, phone the police and/or DART to report the **suspicious activity**. Recall the crime by writing down what you witnessed. Never put yourself or others in harms way to obtain information or to restrain a suspect.

Whether phoning 911 or the patrol station, state the **nature** of the emergency or the situation to the dispatcher. Burglary? Injury? Stay **on the line** until the dispatcher tells you to hang up.

Expect to answer such **questions** which are helpful to the dispatcher and/or the police:

- What is your name and address?
- What direction did the suspect go and the mode of travel? East, West, South, North on what street? Is the individual in a car? What color, year, make, model, license, and special designs or writing? Person on foot? Were there more than one person involved?

- Can you describe any physical descriptions of the suspect? Race? Man or Woman? What is the approximate height, weight and age of the suspect? Does the suspect have any identifying marks like tattoos, walks with a limp, facial hair, scars, long or short hair, wig, hair color?
- What kind and color of clothes was the suspect wearing? Cap? Jacket? Coat? Business suit? Sweater?
- Did the individual have a **weapon** of any sort? Gun—handgun, rifle, shotgun? Knife—hunting, kitchen? What color is the weapon? Blue steel? Silver? Gold?
- What was taken from the property? Money?
 Jewelry? Clothing?
 Household Goods?
 Appliances? Vehicle?

Tools? Equipment?



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Parks and Recreation—Mowing Services

Parks and Recreation—Citywide Mowing Services is responsible for mowing Land Trust of Jackson County properties; unoccupied, privately-owned properties; vacant City-owned properties; median islands and designated right-of-ways within Kansas City, Missouri. The city is separated into six mowing zones, and each zone contains any or all of the types of mowing described above. All mowing is done in cycles. Land Trust lots will be mowed monthly starting in May and going through October for a total of six (6) mowings. Unoccupied, privately-owned properties are mowed semi-seasonally, and will never be mowed more than twice a summer. Vacant City-owned property will be moved on a monthly basis for a total of six (6) movings. Median islands and right-of-ways will be mowed weekly to bi-weekly for a minimum of fifteen (15) mowings depending upon weather and growth rates.

Citywide Mowing Services has two inspectors who are responsible for the management of all properties within each designated zone. Within each zone a list of properties has been established. This list designates properties as those that require routine maintenance, or those that require inspection due to a history of violations. In addition to this list, the inspectors also respond to all requests for service as called in from the community.

Violations include, but are not limited to, weeds or grass over 10-inches tall on any portion of the property,



including the right-of-way, or trash and debris on any or all portions of the property, including the right-of-way. Other violations could include line-of-sight visibility problems, which could include illegal planting of trees and shrubs or other vegetation in the public right-of-way, or other violations that block the visibility of vehicles that are turning at intersections. When violations are found on privately-owned properties the owner is given written notification of the violation. The owner is then given fifteen (15) days to abate the violation. After expiration of the fifteen (15) days, the property is re-inspected, and if any violation still exists, the City will take whatever means needed to abate the violation, and will then charge the property owner for the cost of this abatement. Remember, it is illegal to plant anything in the public right-of-way

without the City's permission.

It is the property owner's responsibility to maintain any public areas that adjoin their properties. Examples of public areas include, but are not limited to, right-of-ways and easements, and examples could include that area which falls between the curb and the sidewalk, ditch lines that adjoin the edge of a property, and those areas so designated as public property by the City. The only exception to the requirement of homeowners to maintain their public property is when such maintenance would cause an undue burden on the property owner. This determination is made by this division after an evaluation of both the property and the designated public area are completed.

Questions regarding the above listed programs can be directed through the Action Center. If you would like to make a request for service or require additional information, please contact the Action Center at (816) 513-1313.

Unite Neighbors with Special Event Days

Here are some 'Special Event Days' that you can share with others:

The National Youth Service Day is on April 15—April 17, 2005 which is the largest service event in the world that is specifically designed to recruit young people to serve. http://www.ysa.org/nysd/

The National Crime Victim's Right Week is April 10— April 16, 2005. Offer volunteer work, assist a crime victim in repairing their home or neighborhood business that resulted from a criminal act or be a good listener to a former victim

http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/ncvrw/welcome.html

Earth Day is April 22, 2005. This is a way to address the growing concern for the environment. http://earthday.envirolink.org/

National Police Week is May 15—May 21, 2005. Let your local police sector know that you appreciate their work. Also, May 15, 2005 is recognized as the National Peace Officers' Memorial Day, in memory of officers wounded or killed in the line of duty. http://www.nationalcops.org/npw.htm

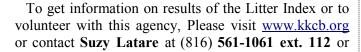
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Two Great Opportunities to Partner to Keep KC Beautiful

Litter Index

Thanks to all of your community cleanup efforts, the amount of litter in Kansas City overall has decreased during the past four years. How much litter is in your community this year?

Area volunteers recently participated in the 2005 Keep Kansas City Beautiful Litter Index to assess the amount of litter in Kansas City, Missouri. The Litter Index helps residents, government, civic organizations and KKCB to focus their litter abatement, prevention and education efforts throughout the year. After attending a brief training session, volunteers drove to a designated area of the city to record their observations using a scale of 1-4.



send and email to suzy@bridgingthegap.org.

Great American CleanupTM

Make a dramatic difference in Kansas City by participating in cleanup, beautification, recycling and environmental education events during the Great

American CleanupTM from March through May 2005.

Keep Kansas City Beautiful connects volunteers to exciting events and offers supplies (banners, stickers, trash bags, posters, etc.), planning and publicity support for event organizers. KKCB also has a tool lending shed for neighborhoods to access for basic

cleanup tools.

Call **Keep Kansas City Beautiful** at (816) **561-1086** or visit <u>www.kkcb.org</u> for more information including a calendar of events.

Two Tools to Improve Your Neighborhood

Recycling:

The KC Recycles is a voluntary program. The twobag trash limit per week is mandatory. Each additional



trash bag must have a \$1 trash tag attached. Tags can be purchased at Westlake Ace hardware stores or Price Chopper grocery stores.

The city has allocated two (2) weeks out of the year where trash pick up is unlimited. Trash is unlimited five (5) working days after July 4th and five (5) working days after December 25th—these weeks are referred to as **Amnesty Weeks**.

In order for recyclables to be collected at the curb, residents

must obtain a blue City recycling bin. The blue bin signals the recycling crews to stop. There is not a limit to the amount of recyclables collected. Recyclables that do not fit can be placed next to the blue bins in other plastic tubs or cardboard boxes during your designated recycling week.

Limited Free Dumpsters for Recycling:

When a neighborhood achieves 70% participation in the curbside recycling program, the City will provide two (2) free dumpsters twice a year for one year. The dumpsters can be used for bulky items or leaves and brush.

Neighborhood groups have done a great job getting residents started with the new program. Over 15 million pounds of recyclables were collected through January 2005! Most recyclables collected are office paper, newspaper and corrugated cardboard—the same amount of fiber from over 100,000 trees! Many plastic bottles and metal cans are also being collected and recycled to make new products.

If a household did not receive a free bin, they can phone a **Citizen Service Representative** to obtain a coupon for the free bin at (816) **513-3490**.

Neighborhood groups must have a **bin count** for their area to qualify for the free dumpster program, bin counts can be obtained by phoning **Dee Ann Gregory** at (816) **513-3454**.

2005 Leaf and Brush Collections

Please place bags at curbside by 7 a.m. according to the following schedule for the **Spring Leaf and Brush Collection**:

If your trash	Then	your	leaf	&	brush
day is	pickup	day			

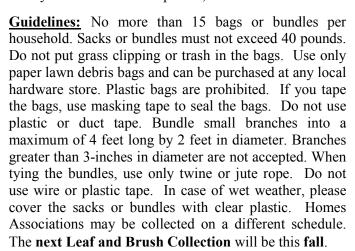
Monday March 28, 2005

Tuesday April 4, 2005

Wednesday April 11, 2005

Thursday April 18, 2005

Friday April 25, 2005



For more information about leaf and brush collection, call (816) **513-3490**.

Updating Neighborhood Information

CCS database consists of registered neighborhood, home and tenant association within the City of Kansas City, Missouri. To ensure that our office provide an accurate listing when requested by city and state officials, organizations, neighborhoods and individuals, please submit updates such as name, address, & phone number of elected officers, meeting dates, place & time, boundaries or any other related information about the association. For your convenience, you may provide us with the updated information by visiting our website at http://www.kcmo.org/neigh.nsf/web/register or by phone 784-4515 (816)email or usSolutions NCSD@kcmo.org.

Using Neighborhood Clean-Up to Make a Difference

The **Neighborhood Cleanup Assistance Program** or better known as the "*Dumpster Program*" provides assistance to neighborhoods in organizing neighborhood cleanups. Neighborhoods identified in the "*litter index*" are encouraged to join other surrounding neighborhoods in a multi-neighborhood cleanup. A multi-neighborhood cleanup is the most cost effective way to clean up an area and it establishes a working relationship among the neighborhood pays only \$50 per dumpster and the balance is supplemented by the city.

Organizations, individuals and service providers with the same mission in cleaning up neighborhoods have formed a coalition named—Partners Committed to a Clean Kansas City. The coalition assists in planning and cleanups in the designated neighborhoods.

Also, the city provides "blue" trash bags at no charge. These trash bags are available to those extraordinary residents that clean specified areas within their neighborhood on a regular basis. The "blue" bags are placed

a regular basis. The "blue" bags are placed out on the resident's regular trash day serve as an indicator that the resident will not be penalized for exceeding the two-bag trash limit. These "blue" trash bags are not for private or personal use. To receive these bags, a resident must submit a written request from the president of their neighborhood association to the nearest FOCUS Center and the "blue" trash bags will be distributed.

For more information about the "Dumpster Program" or the "blue" trash bags, contact Constance Tate at (816) 784-2114.

Listed below are **City Holidays** that will *delay* your trash collection by **one** (1) day:

May 30, 2005 Memorial Day

July 4, 2005* Independence Day

September 5, 2004 Labor Day

November 24, 2005 Thanksgiving Day

December 26, 2005* Observed day for Christmas

*Bags exceeding the two (2) trash bag limit are being tagged and not pick up, except during **Amnesty Weeks** (See page 8). Please purchase tags for additional trash bags.

Getting to know your neighbors: Find the name of the various neighborhood groups registered with the City of Kansas City, MO. The names are either across, backward, down, or diagonal. Only the bold-type part of the name is found in the puzzle. Answer on page 19. The group names listed were randomly selected. Each Council District is represented in this list.

Armour Fields Home Association	Lewis Heights Neighborhood Association
Avalon View Neighborhood Association	Marlborough East Neighborhood Association
Bainbridge Apts Tenant Association	Martin Luther King Village Tenant Association
Blue Hills Neighborhood Association	North Star Neighborhood Association
Briarcliff Home Association	Palestine Neighborhood Corporation, Inc.
Cooley Highlands Neighborhood Association	Parvin Estates Neighborhood Association
Crestwood Home Association	Plaza Westport Neighborhood Association
East Area Community Coalition	Romanelli West Home Association
Fairlane Home Association	Ruskin Heights Home Association
Foxwood Home Association	Scarritt Rennaisance Neighborhood Association
Gashland Neighborhood Association	Sherwood Oakwood Home Association
Glen Lake Home Association	Southern Comfort Neighborhood Association
Holiday Hills Neighborhood Association	Southmoreland Neighborhood Association
Hyde Park Neighborhood Association	Sterling Acres Neighborhood Association
Ivanhoe Neighborhood Council	Thistle Neighborhood Watch Association
Jackson Norton Neighborhood Block Club	Town Fork Creek Neighborhood Association
KCI Neighborhood Association	Tremont Manor Home Association
Kirktown Home Association	Village Green Townhomes Tenant Association
Klamm Road Dead End Block Club	Vineyard Neighborhood Association
Knoches Park Community Association	Willows Neighborhood Association
Unscramble the following neighborhood group's name.	Answer at bottom of this page.
1. Deenncednipe Zapla Neighborhood Assn.	
	5. E.L.O.N.B. A Assn
2. Tmonclya Homes Assn.	6. Dre Dub Ttaeses Neighborhood Assn.
3. Wooseadt Lihls Community Assn.	7. Tasan Ef Lihls Home Assn.
4. Daleenrfea Neighborhood Assn.	8. Rsqieu Karp Neighborhood Assn
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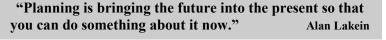
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Good Neighbor Numbers

Make these contacts to organize a neighborhood donating or volunteer activity or share these numbers with a neighbor or friend in need....

<u>Food</u>		Domestic Violence Network Hotline	816-995-1000
Harvesters- The Community Food Network 3801 Topping Avenue	816-929-3000	Shelter, crisis intervention, legal advocacy, counseling, children's services and more.	
Shelter		Elder Abuse Hotline Report neglect and misuse of an older adult.	800-392-0210
Homeless Hotline	816-474-4599	Emergency Assistance (MAAC)	816-561-3339
reStart/Youth Emergency Shelter 918 East 9th Street, Emergency Youth Shelter & Street Out	816-309-9048 treach	Utility assistance based on client's eligibility.	010 001 000
Safety	arcucii	Legal Aid of Western MO (LAWMO) Free legal assistance to qualifying citizens	816-474-6750
Police Non-Emergency If immediate response is not needed.	816-234-5111	Mental Health Crisis Line	888-279-8188
Central Patrol Division	816-234-5510	Parent Stress Crisis Line	800-367-2543
1200 East Linwood Boulevard	010-234-3310	Poison Control Center	816-234-3434
East Patrol Division 5301 East 27th Street	816-234-5530	Rape Crisis Line Crisis intervention, information and	816-531-0233
Metro Patrol Division 1880 East 63rd Street	816-234-5520	referral services for victims and their significant other.	
North Patrol Division 1001 Northwest Barry Road	816-234-5540	United Services Community Action Agency, 6323 Manchester Avenue	816-358-6868
Shoal Creek Patrol Division 5308 Northeast Chouteau Trafficway	816-467-7200	<u>City Services</u>	
South Patrol Division 11109 Hickman Mills	816-234-5550	Action Center Seek information about the city, to request city services or report a	816-513-1313
Motorist Assistance (MoDOT) Operators patrol designated roads,	816-474-6500	problem about city services. Catch Basin Hotline	816-513-0500
5:30am-7pm, M-F. TIPS Hotline Report original approximately	816-474-8477	Parks and Recreation Department Community Centers	816-513-7500
Report crimes anonymously.		Public Improvements Advisory	816-513-1328
<u>Caring</u>		Council (PIAC)—Solicits citizen's input and make recommendations regard	ding
Addiction Referral Hotline	800-252-6465	both the citywide and neighborhood po	_
Child Abuse Hotline Report neglect and misuse of a child.	800-392-3738	of the capital budget. Pot Holes	816-513-9224

City Services: Information and Updates:

Council Person	<u>District</u>	Phone	<u>Email</u>	<u>Aide</u>
Deb Hermann	1	(816) 513-1924	terri_wolfe@kcmo.org	Terri Wolfe
Bill Skaggs	1	(816) 513-1619	lisa_minardi@kcmo.org	Lisa Minardi
Bonnie Sue Cooper	2	(816) 513-1601	Jackie_burton@kcmo.org	Jackie Burton
John Fairfield	2	(816) 513-1622	amy_dahlstrom@kcmo.org	Amy Dahlstrom
Troy Nash	3	(816) 513-1605	troy_nash@kcmo.org	Shana Paul
Saundra McFadden-				
Weaver	3	(816) 513-1608	loretta_waller@kcmo.org	Loretta Waller
Jim Glover	4	(816) 513-1616	charles monroe@kcmo.org	Charles Monroe
Jim Rowland	4	(816) 513-1617	dana_laiben@kcmo.org	Dana Laiben
Becky Nace	5	(816) 513-1629	tom_wyrsch@kcmo.org	Tom Wyrsch
Terry Riley	5	(816) 513-1629	schylon clayton@kcmo.org	Schylon Clayton
Alvin Brooks	6	(816) 513-1602	ramonda doakes@kcmo.org	Ramonda Doakes
Charles A. Eddy	6	(816) 513-1615	charles_eddy@kcmo.org	Harry Ingles

To invite or to request a council member to speak at a neighborhood event, please contact the Council's aide. Please include general information about the meeting such as the date, time, location and type of event. Please also include the name, phone number or email of the contact person. Council members are assigned to various committees so check page 4 to ensure that the neighborhood event does not conflict with any assigned committee meetings or legislative sessions.

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Security Manager David T. Severenuk	Executive Aide to the City Manager Burnetta Burtin	Executive Assistants Linda Kneib Terrie Smidt
Phone: (816) 513-1408	Fax: (816) 513-1363	Email: manager@kcmo.org

Leaf and Brush Drop Off



It's Saturday business for the **Leaf & Brush Drop Off Centers** which re-opened Saturday, March 19, 2005, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Both sites (Environmental Campus at 4707 Deramus Road, I-470 & Raytown Road) are *closed* Sunday through Friday. This service is *free* to the Kansas City, MO residents (must provide proof of residency). The sites **do not** accept grass clippings. For more information, call (816) **513-3490.**

Tire Drop Off

Tire Drop Off Program started the first Saturday of March and continues through the month of October (March 5, 2005 — October 29, 2005). Fees are based on the tire type (car, truck, tractor, lawnmower or bike) and whether the tire is rimless or on rims. Additional fees are applied per muddy tire. If tire pick up is a part of your neighborhood cleanup project, then the applicable fees are waived. However, you must call prior to arriving at the site. For more information visit the website at http://www.kcmo.org/environ.nsf/web/home?opendocument or call (816) **784-2114**.



Schedule A Presentation: Neighborhood Groups can use the following contact information to schedule neighborhood presentations or to get updated information. Please contact the presenter as **early** as possible or at least four **(4)** weeks prior to your planned event.

KCMO Fire Dept.—**Fire Prevention Division.** This division strives to educate the public about fire safety which is aimed at minimizing fire accidents, injuries and even deaths. Presentations are given throughout the year. For more information about fire safety and prevention, presentations, and the "Kids' Safety Trailer", contact:

Public Education Office, (816) 784-9100 or 784-9128

Kansas City Police Department (KCPD) Community Interaction Officers (CIO). Community Policing is based on the idea that citizens and the police can partner together by taking proactive steps within their community to combat issues. Ask your CIO to attend your next neighborhood meeting:

Central Patrol Division, CIO Diane Soligo, (816) 759-6328, Email: diane.soligo@kcpd.org

East Patrol Division, CIO David DeLaMare, (816) 719-8081, Email: ddelamare@kcpd.org

Metro Patrol Division, CIO John Trainor, (816) 349-6248, Email: jtrainor@kcpd.org

North Patrol Division, CIO Dan Watts, (816) 437-6230, Email: dwatts@kcpd.org

South Patrol Division, CIO Jason White, (816) 672-2828, Email: jwhite@kcpd.org

KCMO, Neighborhood & Community Services Department—Center for Community Solutions Division (CCS). CCS has four (4) programs: KCMO Crime Prevention Program (Neighborhood Watch Program), Teaming up for Adult Personal Safety (T.A.P.S. Program—Older and Disabled Adult, Immigrants, and Victims of Family Violence), Family Violence Education Project (Child and Elder Abuse, Domestic Violence Education), and M-Power (Youth Program—Empowering the youth to protect themselves). For more information, contact the:

Office of Center for Community Solutions, (816) 784-4515, Email: Solutions_NCSD@kcmo.org

KCMO Neighborhood & Community Services Department—Animal Control Division. If a member of your association have questions about Animal Control or if you would like to have an Animal Control staff member attend one of your meetings to explain and discuss Pet Licensing and/or other Animal Control issues, contact:

Michael W. Simmons, (816) 513-9000, Email: Michael W Simmons@kcmo.org

KCMO Neighborhood Cleanup Assistance Program—Solid Waste Division. The Neighborhood Cleanup Assistance Program or the '*Dumpster Program*' provides assistance in organizing. If your neighborhood needs help in organizing a cleanup or to inquire about the kind of services or resources the City provides during a Cleanup, contact:

Constance Tate, (816) 784-2114, Email: Constance_Tate@kcmo.org

KCMO, Neighborhood & Community Services Department—Dangerous Buildings Demolition. The

Dangerous Building Demolition and Preservation Division houses seven (7) programs. Historically, the division has demolished unsafe buildings but the added programs to the division focuses on rehabilitation of existing structures as opposes to demolishing the buildings. For more information about these programs, contact:

Nathan Pare, (816) 784-4024, Email: Nate Pare@kcmo.org

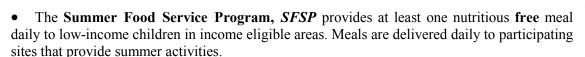
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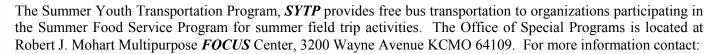
KCMO Health Department/Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP). Lead Poisoning is considered the #1 environmental health threat to children today. It is a condition caused by ingesting or inhaling lead. Even very small amounts of lead can affect the nervous system, interfere with growth, cause hearing loss, lower IQ, and make learning difficult. The State of Missouri is the #1 lead producing/mining state in the United States. Deteriorating lead based paint is the #1 cause of lead poisoning in children. Eighty-three percent of all housing in Missouri was built before the residential lead-based paint ban of 1978 and may contain lead-based paint. In some areas of Kansas City with older housing, as many as 1 in 4 children are lead-poisoned. The goal of the CLPPP is to prevent lead poisoning in children by eliminating harmful levels of lead in Kansas City by assuring blood lead screening, case management of lead poisoned children, lead hazard, and election. For more information about CLPPP, contact:

Carol Pollard, (816) 513-6272, Email: Carol Pollard@kcmo.org

The **Office of Special Programs** within the Neighborhood and Community Services Department has (4) programs:

- The **Healthy Initiative Project**, *HIP* offers \$3,000.00 mini-grants to faith and community-based organizations to address health disparities in the African American and Latino community.
- The **Child and Adult Care Food Program**, *CAFP* provides nutritious supper meals to children enrolled in after school programs that provide enrichment projects.





Martina Bowden, (816) 784-4540, Email: Martina Bowden@kcmo.org

Bridging the Gap, 435 Westport Road, #23. This organization focuses on environmental projects such as waste prevention, environmental education, Keep Kansas City Beautiful, Litter Index, Great American Cleanup, and more.



If you would like to participate in one of their projects or need information about keeping the environment clean and safe, phone (816) 561-1061 or visit their website at http://www.bridgingthegap.org.

Health Department, Food Protection Program. This program enables staff to inform the public about proper ways to handle food and leftovers and safe ways how to thaw, store, prepare and shop for food. The presentation can be specific to the particular events such as outdoor cookouts, summer picnics, church gatherings, and neighborhood block parties. The program offers weekly food handling and food managers training classes. To get more information about how to protect your food and attending classes, contact:

Linda S. Myles, (816) 513-6200, Email: Linda_S_Myles@kcmo.org

Resource Information: Resources to assist in building a cleaner, safer and stronger community.

Metropolitan Crime Commission—A Concerned Community Eliminating Neighborhood Trash (ACCENT). The ACCENT Program is comprised of the Kansas City Police Department, Parks and Recreation Department of KCMO, and the Keep Kansas City Beautiful Program. In less than a year, ACCENT has grown in recognition to where it is now widely known throughout Kansas City Metropolitan area because of its successes. In fact, ACCENT has been described as "The best-kept-secret in Kansas City". At no expense to taxpayers those individuals ordered to complete community service participate in ACCENT clean up projects throughout the Kansas City area making it a better place to live and work for everyone. To make arrangements to utilize this resource, contact:

Jamie Hollam, (816) 960-6813

"Spirit of Service"—Community Service Learning Component. The City has implemented the involvement of youth by acknowledging that the youth are apart of the community. Everyone benefits from youth involvement. If you need volunteers for a specific youth project, has a community project for your neighborhood and need help, and would like to contribute to the development of the youth. For more information, contact:

Thalia Cherry, (816) 513-1378, Email: Thalia Cherry@kcmo.org

Habitat ReStore, 4701 Deramus. The Habitat ReStore is open to the public. New and used quality construction materials are sold at a discounted price. The store hours are Tuesday—Friday, 10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m., Saturday, 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. The receiving and loading hours are Tuesday—Friday, 10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m., Saturday, 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. For more information about Habitat ReStore, call (816) 231-6889 or visit their website at http://www.restorekc.org.

Water Services Department—Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program, 4707 Deramus. This program manages and recycle or disposes of household chemicals from the residents of Kansas City. Appointments are required to ensure that the facility will be prepared to the handle the materials and it provides the customer service the opportunity to give the residents transporting tips regarding the hazardous waste.

Persons arriving without appointment may or may not be served, if the resident is served then a \$10 drive-up fee is required. Reusable household chemicals are available to residents through the Swap Shop.

Free paint is available in one-gallon containers, however, the 5-gallon paint containers are \$5. The paint is available to all, but it is on a **first-come**, **first-serve basis**.

HHW Drop-Off Hours (**by appointment only**): Thursday—Saturday, except Holidays, 9 a.m.—4 p.m. Swap Shop Hours: Tuesday—Saturday, 9 a.m.—4 p.m.

For more information about the services of this program, phone (816) 784-2080 or visit online at http://www.kcmo.org/environ.nsf/web/hhw?opendocument.

Water Services Department. Kansas City, Missouri Water Services Bottled Water is the top-selling municipally-owned bottled water in the Midwest. In 2004, the KCMO Water Services received an 'A' rating for taste and quality by *Men's Health* magazine. Water Services offers premium 20-oz bottled water for \$9.50 per case (24 bottles)—less than \$.40 per bottle! Drink healthy. To order your supply of bottled water for your next neighborhood or special event or individual consumption, phone Colleen Newman at (816) 513-0232 or on-line at http://www.kcmo.org/waterorders.nsf/wo?openform.

Crime Prevention Tips

Resource Information: Personal Safety tips for "while your are out", "around the house" or "in the car".

- Walk with friends or a trusted companion, if possible. Being alone can increase your risk of being a victim of crime.
- Avoid walking/running at night, if possible. Do not wear shoes or clothing that restrict your movement. Wear reflective clothing or light colors so that cars will be able to see you.
- Walk purposefully from your starting point to your destination, even if you are in an unfamiliar area. Criminals will often target those who look lost or confused. Be aware of your surroundings.
- If you think someone is following you, switch direction or cross the street.
- Be careful when giving directions to pedestrians or motorists. Keep a safe distance to avoid getting grabbed or dragged into an automobile.
- Carrying a whistle or personal alarm can be an effective deterrent to attackers.
- If you carry a weapon of any sort, be sure you are ready, able and willing to use it. If not, it may be more use to the criminal than it is you.
- Never open your door to strangers. Offer to make an emergency call while the person waits outside. Check the photo identification of any sales or service people before letting them in. Do not be embarrassed to call for verification.
- When returning home, have your keys ready to enter your home as quickly as possible.
- If you come home and see a door/window open, or broken, do not go inside. Call the police from a public phone or a neighbor's home.
- If you hear a prowler inside of your house or apartment, get out through another entry or window, if possible. Avoid any confrontations.
- Always lock the doors to your home, even when you are home or just step inside for a moment.
- Investigate when you hear unusual sounds, barking dogs or when motion detector lights are triggered. Get in the habit of looking outside your windows, especially when you wake up at night.
- Keep your car in good running condition. Make sure that there is enough gas to get where you are going and back. Know your route of travel ahead of time.
- Roll up the windows and lock car doors, even if you are coming right back.
- As you approach your car, look around and under your car. Park in a well-lighted, busy location. Be especially alert
 in lots and underground parking garages.
- When valet parking, leave only your car keys with the attendant. Never leave your house keys.
- Never pick up hitchhikers. If someone tries to force his/her way into your car, blow the horn.
- If you spot a stranded motorist, do not stop. Go to the nearest phone and call the police.

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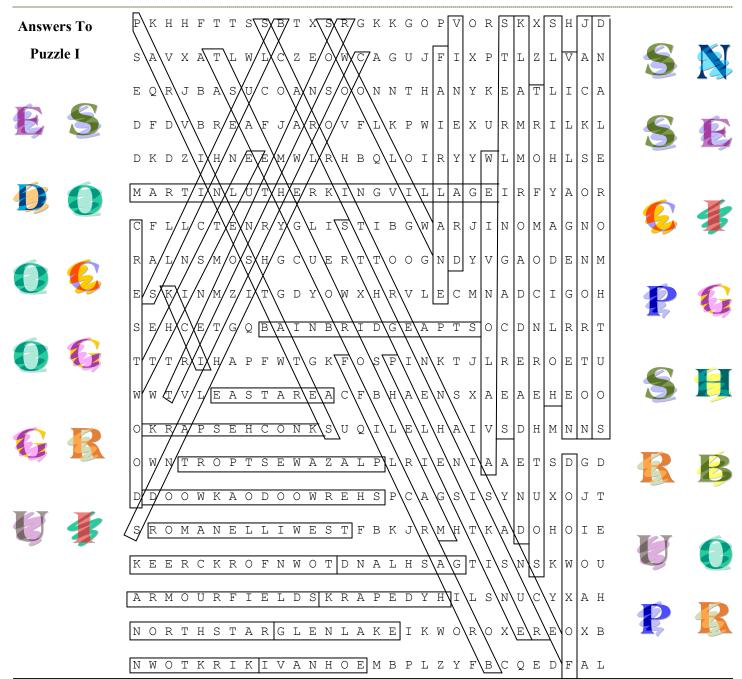












Unite Neighbors With Special Event Days

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Enjoy old and new friends on August 7, 2005, National Friendship Day. What a great day to participate in a neighborhood game or party.

Join the nation in taking back your neighborhood by declaring to criminals that your neighborhood is not frighten behind locked doors or barred windows on **National Night Out (NNO) Against Crime**, **August 2**, **2005**. This year is the 22nd Annual Celebration. http://www.nationaltownwatch.org/nno/

Neighbor's Day is September 25, 2005. Spend the day with neighbors by completing a community project or gathering for a social event in the neighborhood.

http://www.neighborsday.org/

National Family Week is November 20—November 26, 2005. Celebrate the diversity of families in your neighborhood. http://www.nationalfamilyweek.org/

Take time for your family, friends and neighbors. Enjoy.



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